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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

December 26, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 26, 2002, the applicants in the above-identified patent application provisionally elect, **WITH TRAVERSE**, Group I, Fig. 1, claims 1-10 drawn to a method of making a non-woven fabric, classified in class 162, subclass 115.

If there are any questions regarding this Response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

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